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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
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## **Request for Waiver of Funding Year 2010 Form 471 Application Deadline**

CC Docket No. 96-45  
CC Docket No. 02-6

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### Relevant Information:

Funding Year 2010  
Laurel School District, BEN: 125475  
Form 471 Application Number: 769393

### To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Laurel School District, I am writing to request a waiver of the Funding Year 2010 Form 471 Application Deadline. Laurel School District is a small district in rural, western Pennsylvania, with only two buildings, 100 teachers and 1368 students. In fact, the entire population within the school district's service boundaries is less than 8000 people.

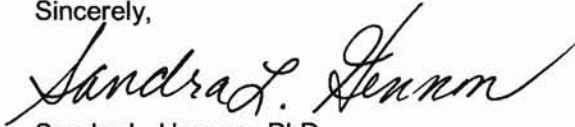
February 2010 was one of the most difficult months for our school district, as our region received record amounts of snowfall that closed all highways, state and federal offices, and all school districts. In fact, the snow was so heavy that it knocked out power to most of western Pennsylvania due to downed trees and power lines. Snow emergencies were declared several times during the month as the region received several snowfalls of more than 24 inches each. Because of these weather emergencies, the District was closed or partially closed from February 10 - February 17. When the doors reopened, District staff was so overwhelmed with making up for the curriculum hours lost, that several administrative deadlines were not met -- including the Form 471 deadline.

The District's technology staff did inquire using the USAC website asking what the procedure was for requesting a deadline extension, but no response was received. This inquiry was made by Ms. Paula Lenox, District Information Management Specialist. A follow-up phone call was then placed to USAC during the week of February 22<sup>nd</sup> and the District was advised that there was no way to request an extension of the deadline and that the District should submit its Form 471 and then request a waiver from the FCC.

The District submitted its Form 471 on February 25, six days after the deadline, and waited until the Out of Window Letter was received by USAC to formally request this waiver.

Although our E-rate funding request, less than \$10,000, is minor in comparison to most districts, it is vital to the balancing of our District's budget. The District is fully aware of its responsibility regarding timely submission of the Form 471; however, this year there were circumstances beyond the District's control which precluded us from making the timely submission. The District relies heavily on this money to meet the educational needs of the students, and requests that the FCC will consider it in the public interest to waive the Form 471 deadline for our application. If you need further explanation, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sandra L. Hennon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "S" and "H".

Sandra L. Hennon, PhD  
Superintendent